IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.

Assignee: Cardica, Inc.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter.

Please consider the Response to Office Action, Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 submitted with this request. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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